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Duchess of Sutherland.

BRIDEGROOM ROBBED
BY HIS YOUNG BRIDEBy Clever Ruse She Eases Him
of Four Thousand Dollars
and Decamps.

CANNOT PROSECUTE HER

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A. M. Binet has just met with an experience which he is likely to remember for the remainder of his life.

He recently made the acquaintance of a young woman, aged about 22, with whom he became so infatuated that he begged her to become his wife. The marriage ceremony took place yesterday in Paris, and the wedding dinner was given in a well-known Paris restaurant. The bride looked charming in her white robe of innocence and orange blossom. After the dinner came the ball, and then M. Binet took his bride home.

She removed her white veil and her orange blossom, and then suddenly became deadly pale, and leaning against a sideboard, gasped, "A doctor, a doctor."

The horrified bridegroom rushed out to fetch a doctor, and in less than a quarter of an hour came rushing back with him in a cab.

When they got up to the room there were no signs of the bride, though her wedding gown lay on the bed. She had gone, and had taken with her a sum of \$4000 which M. Binet had put away in his escritoire.

The infuriated bridegroom immediately went with the doctor to inform the local police magistrate of his adventure, and learned to his astonishment that as he had married the woman he could not take any proceedings against her, as, according to French law, a husband cannot charge his wife with any criminal offense.

The only thing you can do," said the magistrate, "is to take proceedings to force your wife to return to her conjugal duty."

And with this sorry consolation the bridegroom returned to his solitary home.

"CONFIDENCE" TRICK
ABOARD OCEAN LINERPassengers on Eastbound Steamers
From Marseilles Victims
of Clever Sharpers.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 30.—There has been a great increase in the number of attempts made here to rob passengers on board the Peninsular and Oriental steamers. Quite recently a passenger on the India was robbed of \$300 by means of the confidence trick. The method of operating is as follows: The "confidence" trick men make their way on board the steamers immediately after arrival. They are faultlessly dressed, and explain to their intended victims that their luggage is not yet on board, and they are unable to pay the purser. They request the immediate loan of a sum varying from \$200 to \$500.

Yesterday a passenger on the Egypt was thus robbed of \$200, but, observing the man go ashore immediately afterward, the passenger shouted, "Stop, thief!" and the man was arrested, as well as one of his accomplices. They gave their names as Gysen and Jansen.

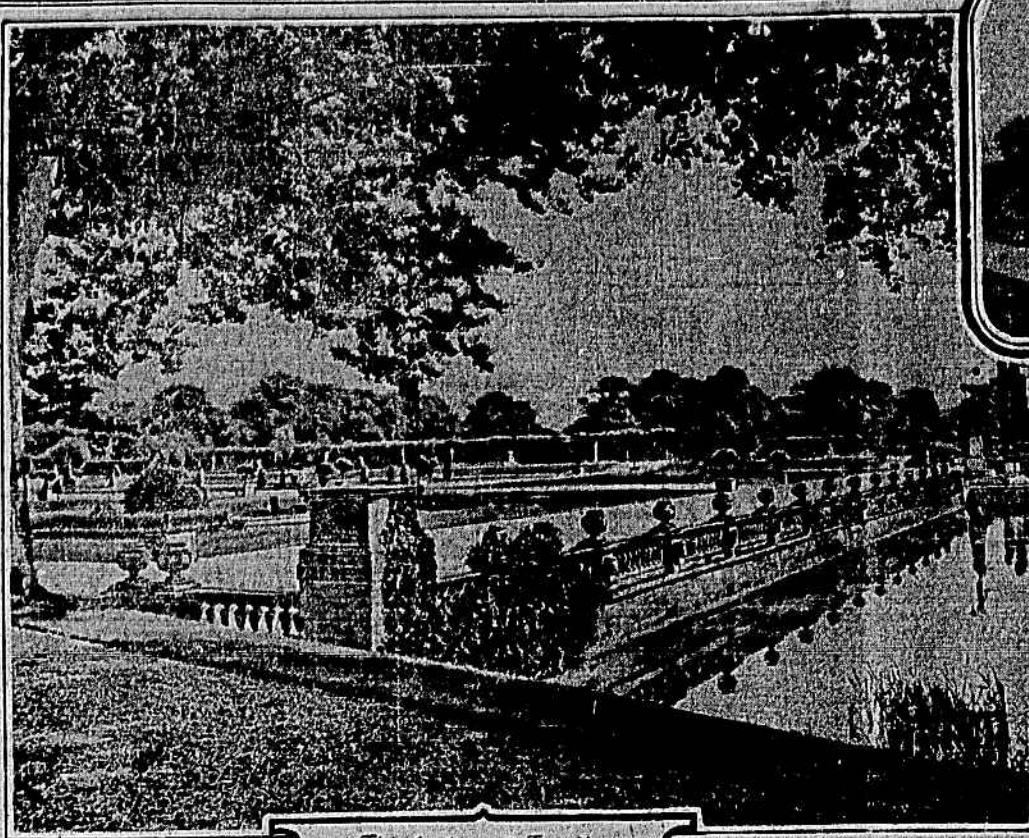
ACROBAT IS VICTIM
OF DIRE VENDETTADaughter of Noble Parents Deserts Home for Him and His
Murder Follows.

TUNIS, Dec. 30.—Ducet, the well-known acrobat, who is perhaps better known in music halls as "Stewart," after a performance in a music hall at Cagliari, Sardinia, recently was introduced to a noble Italian family occupying a box in the hall.

One of the female members of the family at once fell passionately in love with him, and subsequently followed him to Tunis, where he had obtained an engagement.

A few days later Stewart was admitted to the hospital, suffering from lunacy. Within a short time he was sufficiently recovered to be allowed out for a walk, and one afternoon he met two strangers, with whom he entered a cab. After drinking in their company he returned to the hospital, and shortly after fell dead.

An inquest was held, and a verdict of death by poison was returned. The two men have been arrested. It is rumored that the affair is the outcome of a vendetta.



The Lake at Trentham

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND PRESENTS PALACE
TO COUNTY COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONUnable to Reside in His Magnificent Staffordshire Seat, Owing to Pollution of Lake on the Grounds
by the River Trent, He Makes it a Public Gift

LONDON, Dec. 30.—THE Duke of Sutherland has made a magnificent gift to the county of Staffordshire. At a meeting of the County Council yesterday a letter was read stating that the Duke and Duchess were desirous of presenting Trentham Hall to the County Council for the purpose of higher education in Staffordshire.

It has been known for some time that his Grace did not meditate a continued residence, and this is the one element of regret that mingles with the gift. For a long time the Sutherland family has been connected with Stafford, and it has been one of the pleasures of the people to have the Duke and his family resident for a part of the year. But the house had ceased to be as desirable a residence as it once was. There is now in the park an artificial lake some sixty acres in extent,

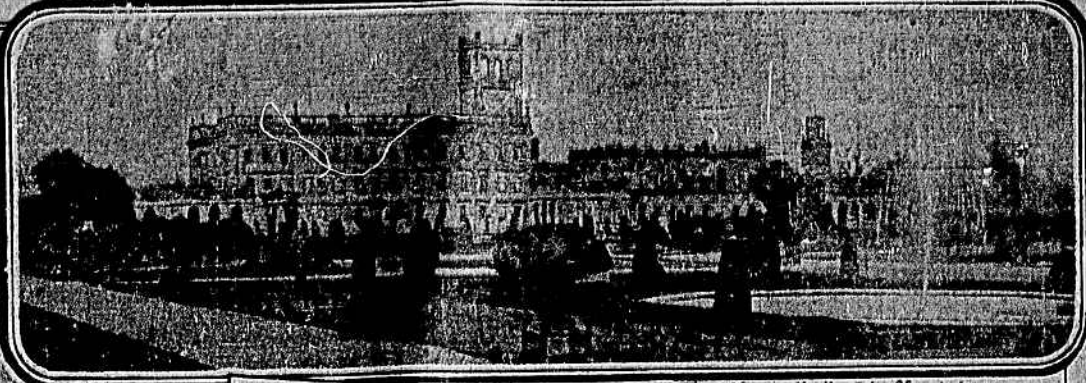
which was constructed about sixty years ago. It is fed by the river Trent, which, at that time, was a clear and beautiful stream.

But since then the river Trent has been made the recipient of sewage and industrial refuse from the surrounding pottery, and the Duke naturally desired that some steps should be taken to avoid this pollution. But the remedies were not found, and hence his resolve to discontinue residence. On thinking the matter over, however, the most generous impulse seems to have come to him of presenting the hall to Staffordshire, a county which has hitherto been dependent upon Manchester and Birmingham for the secondary education of its young people. It will now be possible to make a college of the old hall, and as tramcars run quite close to the estate, its convenience for that purpose requires no demonstration.

Trentham is a magnificent family seat of some antiquity, but it has been so added to and restored that it is generally regarded as a modern mansion.

Part of the plunder of the monasteries at the Reformation, it came into the possession of the Levesons, who were the forerunners of the present Leveson-Gower family, but much more of the present building was erected from designs by Sir Charles Barry at a cost of \$250,000. Although the Duke has given up Trentham, he has a choice of castles left. Besides the palatial Stafford House in St. James', he has Little Malvern in Shropshire; House of Tongue, at Llangynidr, in Brecknock; and Dunrobin Castle, which competes with Glamis Castle as the oldest inhabited castle in Scotland.

Trentham Hall is the "Italian Palace" mentioned by Lord Beaconsfield in "Lothair."



Trentham Hall, Staffordshire



Duke of Sutherland

TRENTHAM HALL AND ITS ENVIRONMENTS

DROUGHT IN INDIA
PRECEDES A FAMINEHuman Beings and Animals Suffer Alike and Daily Scenes
Are Most Pathetic.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.—Continued drought is producing pitiable scenes in the parched districts of the United Provinces, the Gwalior State of Central India, and Rajputana.

Roads are dotted with rough village carts, drawn by famished bullocks conveying all the poor household effects of emaciated peasants, who trudge despondently alongside with hungry children and tired women. They are moving stolidly forward in the hope of reaching fodder and water before the cattle—their most valuable possession—die of hunger and thirst. A bullock drops occasionally, but the weary procession continues on its way.

The government of India is already feeding 65,000 destitute people, and would feed more but that Rajput princes induce many to disdain help until hunger presses.

WOMAN STRANGLER
FOR SIXTEEN DOLLARSOccupant of Next Bedroom, Now
Missing, Suspected of the
Crime.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Louise Penblanc, a young woman who had come from Brittany to seek a situation as servant, has been found murdered in the bedchamber of a hotel, having been strangled, apparently after a terrible struggle, by means of a handkerchief. Victor Ayron, an electrician, who occupied the next bedroom, and who has, it is stated, been discovered to be a notorious criminal, is missing.

A canvas pocket, containing all the girl's savings, had been taken away. She had said, in the presence of Ayron, that she kept the pocket concealed in her dress.

BULGARIANS PLOT
TO KIDNAP MOTORISTSTheir Serbian Guide in League
With a Band of Daring
Robbers.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A hounding pigeon which was sent to the Isle of Man two years and four months ago returning to its home got in Blackburn yesterday. It is the property of Sergeant Johnson, the Blackburn Coroner's officer.

Bronze vases at Trentham.

HERMIT BURGLAR
LIVED IN LUXURYFound in Sumptuous Grotto With
All the Environments of
a Palace.

HAS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

GENEVA, Dec. 30.—A cultured hermit, who gratified his refined tastes by appropriating his neighbors' goods, has been sent to the prison of Waldenberg on many charges of theft.

He lived in the greatest luxury in a grotto in the forest of Bretzwil, near Basel. When the police broke into the grotto, they found it beautifully and artistically furnished. Shaded electric lamps threw a soft light on the apartment, the floor of which was covered by a rich Turkey carpet. The hermit himself lounged in a comfortable armchair, smoking a fragrant cigar.

Half a dozen etchings after Meissonnier and Millet hung on the walls, and in one corner stood a well-filled bookcase. Most of the volumes were of a philosophical nature, and included nearly all the works of Kant, Nietzsche and other modern German philosophers.

At the time of his arrest he was reading a volume by the French poet, Paul Verlaine.

The larger was full of delicacies and fine wines, cigars and cigarettes. No fewer than seven different brands of champagne were found, and the discretion of the thief was apparent from the fact that only the choicest vintages were taken by him.

He had lived in the grotto, which is concealed in the middle of an enormous tangled underwood, for two years, maintaining himself by burglaries which had deeply puzzled the police.

He had fitted up an electric light plant himself. The work showed an intimate knowledge of engineering.

His discovery was due to a defective stove pipe, which during his absence one day, emitted clouds of smoke, attracting the attention of a woodman. The woodman informed the police, who kept watch and saw the hermit return one morning laden with his plunder of food and drink, but finally stumbled on the grotto, where he was sleeping after his toil.

OFFICERS ACCUSED
OF GROSS BRUTALITYTerrible Indictment of German
Rule in the Empire's African
Colonies.

NO JUSTICE TO NATIVES

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Herr von Puttkamer, Governor of the German Colonies, has been recalled to answer charges of gross brutality to natives brought against him by the Reichstag.

Dr. Alass, a member of the Progressive People's Party, delivered a vigorous attack on German methods of colonial administration in the Reichstag this afternoon.

He based his charges on information issued by the Colonial Office, so that, if anything, they were biased in favor of the natives. The following are some of the counts in the indictment he made:

"Captain von Besser, commanding an expedition in the Cameroons, composed of native troops in the service of the government, was responsible for the death from starvation of between sixty and seventy native bearers."

"A German lieutenant stated that at the time provisions were scanty obtainable in the immediate vicinity, but that the captain prohibited supplies being fetched. When other officers asked the reason for the prohibition, the captain replied he desired the native pigs to die, and that in allowing them to die he would please his government."

"The victims remained unburied, and their bodies were devoured by vultures."

"For this he was merely sentenced to six months' detention in a fortress, and resumed his former rank in the German army after his release."

"Grave charges are brought against Herr Horn, Governor of Togoland. A native who was accused of stealing money and refused to confess was flogged. After a second refusal Horn caused him to be tied to a stake under a tropical sun and forbade any one to give water or otherwise relieve his sufferings, and went away."

Captain Doering, another officer, afterward found the native dead. No punishment was inflicted on Horn.

ON FLYING BOOTS
MAN SCARES PARISIANSDashes Down Some of Principal
Streets at Rate of 25 Miles
an Hour.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Superstitious people thought they saw a satanic visitation when a gigantic figure in seven-league boots dashed down the Avenue des Champs Elysees to-day at about twenty-five miles an hour, shot like a thunderbolt across the Place de l'Etoile, and disappeared with a whirl into the Bois de Boulogne.

It was, however, only M. Constantin taking a little gentle exercise in the motor boots which he has invented, and for which he believes there is a great future. These new contrivances of his are light and locomotion look very like little motor cars fitted to Wellington boots. Each is driven by a one-and-a-quarter-horse power motor, and the speed can be accelerated from six up to thirty-six miles an hour.

They are fitted with long and broad in proportion. The wheels, of which there are four on each boot, are eight inches in diameter, and are fitted with solid tires.

Accumulators are carried in a belt connected by fine wires with the motors. The boots weigh about sixteen pounds each, but weight does not matter, as the feet are never lifted. The boots cost about \$100.

M. Constantin has traveled several hundred miles on them, and expects to "mooch" his way to St. Petersburg when the motor car show is over.

Pigeon's Long Memory.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—A homing pigeon which was sent to the Isle of Man two years and four months ago returning to its home got in Blackburn yesterday. It is the property of Sergeant Johnson, the Blackburn Coroner's officer.IN JEALOUS FIT LION
KILLS LION AND MATEResents Removal of Lioness and
Attacks Animals Who Succeeded Them.

BELFAST, Dec. 30.—The demon of jealousy was responsible for an exciting scene in the Lions' cage at Messrs. Bostock and Wombwell's menagerie this morning.

For a long time two magnificent lions, Duke and Duchess, which were christened when cubs by the Princess Royal in Edinburgh, have occupied adjoining cages. On Tuesday evening, however, Duchess was removed, and in her cage a South African lion and lioness were placed.

This roused the ire of Duke, the largest lion in captivity, and about 4 o'clock in the morning he commenced to demolish the partition. He soon tore it into splinters, and at once attacked the lion. By this time all the animals in the menagerie were howling in concert, and Mr. Bostock and the attendants hurried to the scene of battle. The two male animals were at each other's throats, while the lioness was crouching in a corner growling. Duke made short work of his antagonist, and before anything could be done he had laid open his flank and torn out his windpipe. The attendants obtained pitchforks and tried to put a stop to the encounter, but without success. Duke attacked the lioness, and in a few moments she lay dead beside her mate, with a gaping wound in the throat. The victor then returned to his cage, and throughout the day showed no symptom of any unusual excitement. The value of the animals destroyed is said to be \$200.

DETECTIVES ALERT
IN FANCY COSTUMESMix With Joyous Crowds at Annual
Festival and Make
Many Arrests.

GENEVA, Dec. 30.—The Escalade fetes are taking place here, and as Geneva becomes a resort of doubtful characters during the three days' festival, several detectives have donned fancy costumes, and last night made two arrests.

A pickpocket was caught red-handed by a pierrot detective, and a burglar, who has been "wanted" for several months, was recognized on taking off his mask, and promptly arrested by a Mephistopheles.

The burglar was betrayed by a woman confederate to whom the wily detectives had made love in their disguised costumes. The woman had dressed too well, and had produced a bundle of banknotes, was accompanied to his hotel by an innocent-looking clown and a pierrot, who were detectives. Another officer, a good dancer, led the revel with the fairest partners in a public dancing hall, with a view of obtaining useful information.

A band of students, who were inclined to be noisy, were invited to return home by one of their number, who, when he was unmasked, was discovered to be a well-known police officer.

Barber and Barrister.
VIENNA, Dec. 30.—A young barber of Vienna, by birth a Serb, has just obtained his degree of doctor of law in the Vienna University.ACT OF KINDNESS
BRINGS GIRL FORTUNESwiss Maiden Left \$250,000 by
Old Man Whom She Had
Probably Forgotten.

GENEVA, Dec. 30.—The Obwaldner Volksfreund states that Miss A. Burch, of Obwald, in the Canton of Unterwald, became one of the richest heiresses in Switzerland yesterday, owing to the generosity of an Englishman. According to this journal, which does not give the name of the benefactor, Miss Burch was waiting in a large crowd before Buckingham Palace in 1889 to see the Queen, when an old gentleman, overcome by the heat, fainted near her and fell on the footpath.

The Swiss girl tended him, and accompanied him home in a cab. He thanked her for her attentions, and asked her for her card before she went away. Some months later she returned to Switzerland, and, apparently, the incident was forgotten.

It is stated by the Volksfreund that she received a letter from a London solicitor yesterday informing her that the old gentleman whom she had aided had died, leaving her a fortune of \$250,000.

PREDICTS A WAR
FOR GOLDEN THRONEGerman Newspaper Says That
England Casts Covetous Eyes
on Ashantee Relic.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—One of the stories by which a section of the German press strives to discredit British Colonial policy is published in the Chemnitz Allgemeine Zeitung.

This journal announces that Great Britain "on the eve of a war with the Ashantis for the possession of the historic golden throne, which is one of the treasured relics of the Gold Coast."

The British have long desired this relic, it says, "and promised to make a low-born son of an executioner King of the Ashantis if he would betray its whereabouts. The man was actually made a chieftain, but the scheme for the theft failed owing to other motives' vigilance." It is now demanded by the Ashantis that the usurper shall be removed from the chieftaincy. The British authorities have refused this, but their prestige has been greatly impaired, and the Ashantis are determined to initiate a war.

This will be long and difficult, for if the Ashantis are successful at first they will receive the support of the Fanti negroes."

The Chemnitz Allgemeine Zeitung received its story from a German trader at Tarkwa, on the Gold Coast.

GUARDIANS CROWDED OUT.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Farnham Board of Guardians has been obliged to give up its room at the workhouse because of the increased number of inmates.

FRENCH DOCTOR DIES
MARTYR TO SCIENCEVoluntarily Sacrifices His Life
for the Ultimate Good of
Human Race.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Dr. M. Radiguet died here yesterday from the effects of experiments on himself with Roentgen rays in the interests of medical science. For the last two years he devoted himself mainly to the study of the effects of the X-rays as curative agents, and he had repeatedly subjected himself to their influence. Later he began to suffer intense pain in his limbs, and two of his fingers were amputated. This operation yielded no relief, and the doctor died after enduring months of agony.

His last utterance was an expression of fervent thankfulness that he had been permitted to establish reliable evidence as to the effect of Roentgen rays on the human organism. It is stated at the clinical department of the university that discovery of an important character will be revealed from his papers and treatises.

TWO PERSONS KILLED
IN OPERA HOUSE ROWApplause Given an Unpopular Artist
Develops Into Fierce
and Fatal Riot.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Two persons were killed in a free fight at the Royal Opera House at Seville last night.

During the performance of "La Gioconda," the claque, as the men are termed who are hired at Continental theatres to lead the applause, persisted in applauding a somewhat unpopular artist.

The audience, resenting this, started hissing, and a turbulent scene ensued, which speedily developed into a fight with canes, chairs and wine bottles. Eventually the theatre was cleared by armed police. Two members of the audience, whose skulls had been fractured, were taken to the hospital, and died there shortly afterward. The claque was arrested by train.